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On the xiiii. of September, 1599,
the Archduke, Albert of Austria, de-
parted from Brusseles, accompanied
with many Princes and Lords, as
well of this countie as others, ta-
king his route to wards Germa-
nie. At here to meett with the Prin-
cesse Lady Margarett of Austria, his
cousin Germaine, daughter unto
the late Archduke Charles, late King of Spaine, to
leade and conduct her to the King her spouse, and in his re-
turne to bring with him his brides, the Infanta Isabella
Clara Eugenia of Austria, Princesse of Spaine and Dut-
chesse of Brabant.

And since his departure, buttill one or two dayes
tourneys beyond Luxenbough, he with all his retinue,
hane alwayes spent upon their owne costs and charges.
But entering into the land of the Countie Pallatine of Hay-
delbergh, the said Countie defrayed the charges of his
Alceza, with all his court and followers (which were in
number aboue 2000. persons and 1000. horses therein
comprehended the Mules and horses of baggage) through
all the Cities and Townes of his Iurisdiction, untill he
came vpon the borders of the Duke of Wittembergh, who
attended him throughout all his countie, untill he came
at the beginning of the borders of the Duke of Baviere,

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who also fed all his men and horses of all charges, untill hee came to Tyroll, where euery one paid his owne charges to Trent; where hee found the Quene, with the Lapp Archeduchesse her mother: in which Cittie on the were borne the charges of the persons of her Maiestie, and of their Alcezas, with the Ladies and Ladies of the chamber, and some Princes of the traine: and all the rest spent on their owne purses.

From Trent we followed on our voyage, and passed through foure or five Villages belonging to the Venetians, and were all generally betrayed by the said Venetians, which sent two Ambassadors well accompanied, to receive the Quene at Dolce, a towne on the river Adige: on the which for the passage, they had made a fayre, great, and large wooden Bridge, upon which and anchored boats well made, with two arches and triumphal gates on both ends, builded most magnificently, which was a faire sight, being for garde on either end, about 2000. footemen well armed and in good order, which as well at the entering as departing, made beane salutations, with great store of Artillery, Musketts and Callivers, the which (by setting betwixt two mountaines) made a great noise and echo. And through out all the route where we passed, there were many faire squadrons of well armed footemen, and thirteene companies of Horsemen, well horsed and in rich equipage, which followed our troope all the way unto the borders of the Duke of Milan: and being there for the space of ten or twelue dayes our charges were betrayed, which was a great matter: for the one and other troope of the Quene and his Alceza, was about 3500. men, and 2000. Horses, the which was all betrayed euen unto the Hostkeepers and Cookes.

Departing out of the territories of the Venetians, we arrived at Ostia, a little towne of the Duke of Man-

Manuas on this side of the Riuer Po. where the Quæene with his Alceza, and her Mother, the Princes and Ladies, were passed ouer in certaine chambered Barges or Barges, the which the Duke to that ende had caused newly to bee made, verie triumphant, and especially that of the Quæene, which was very great, with two great sumptuous Chambers, hanged with cloath of Silver, yea the Benches and Stooles, also the roofo of the Chambers were lyketwise couered with cloath of Silver, a thing truely most richeto behold. And being on the water, they found in the sayde Barges a sumptuous banquet of all manner of delicates and dainties, accompanied with deuine Musicke.

All the rest of the Courte, followers and baggage, was passed ouer the great Bridges made vpon boates: which being passed ouer on the other side, the Quæene with the Ladie her mother was disembarked, and mounted in Coaches with great store of Torches of white Waxe, at Reuere, at the Castell and Towne of the sayde Duke of Mantua, who defrayed the charges of the one and the other Courte, the space of four dayes.

At the end of which we departed from Reuere, towards Ferrara, downe alongst the Riuer, with great multitudes of Boates, her Maiestie and their Altezas, going in the Barges aforesayde, with the same Musique. And by the waye, her Maiestie desiring to see some Lowe countrey daunces, his Alceza caused his Musicians to play. And there were daunced many Allmaynes, Roundes, Carrantaes and Voltas in the great Chamber of the Barge, wherein shee tooke great pleasure and delight: and most especially in the Voltas which the Duke of Aumale daunced, with some of the Damels which were attendants of the Lady

the Illustrious Infanta, conducted by the Countesse of
 Busquoy with these triumphes and pastimes wee arri-
 ued about foure of the clocke after dinner, at the Island
 of the bridge of the Darkelake, three Italian miles from
 Ferrara vpon a Thursday the twelfth day of the moneth
 of November: where the Quene and their Altez as re-
 mained that night, the rest of the Court advanced them-
 selues that night to Ferrara, from whence the Friday en-
 suing the 13. of the said moneth, the Pope sent the Car-
 dinals Aldobrandino and So. Clement his Legats nobly
 accompanied by many Prelates, Gentlemen, and com-
 panies of horsemen, launces and harguebusers, to receiue
 the said Quene at the said bridge of the obscure Lake,
 when as she came out of her Countie to traualle towards
 Ferrara. And sent her by the said Cardinals a present of a
 Coatch of Crimson Velvet, imbroidered with golde,
 with six white harts harnessed accordingly, & 2. Coatch-
 men apparelled in the same livery with the Iron worke
 all gilded, a present truly of great value: In that Coatch
 her Maiesty (abandoning hers) ascended, with the Lady
 her Mother. And so accompanied with many Nobles
 and traine of Ladies, followed on her way, untill with-
 in a shot from Ferrara, the Duke of Sella came to re-
 ceiue her in the behalfe of his Catholike Maiesty, his
 Lord, presenting her with a Litter of fine Crimson co-
 lour cloth of golde imbroidered with siluer, with the Iron
 worke of siluer gilt, and two white mules harnessed ac-
 cordingly, with euery Mule his keeper, apparelled in the
 same livery: also he presented her with a Coach of the
 same livery, and so garnished as the Litter, with six like
 horses and the two Coatchmen in like equipage, a present
 truly most royall and of inestimable value.

This doone, she was receiued by the Cardinals Stor-
 z. and Morale, who after they had doone the requisite
 ceremonies, conducted her in a house purposely made of
 boordes,

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boordes, where she was mounted on a white Palfrey,
caparioned with a foot cloth of white cloth of silver
fringed and faced with gold: and the Lady the Arch-
bishops her mother by a black Palfrey, harnessed with
a foot cloth of purple velvet, garnished with gold frin-
ges, with al other things accordingly: the Palfreys were
sent to them from his Holiness, by the said Cardinals
Sforza and Montalto, and as they were busie in mounting,
the little made many signes of love, discharging many
great peeces of ordinance, as salutations at three times;
which done, the Duke came out on her Palfrey, be-
tweene the said two Cardinals, followed by the Lady her
mother and his Alcega, and approaching the gate of An-
gels, she was encountered and met with righteene other
Cardinals, then which after the due ceremonies, conducted
her through the Cittie to the Castell the Popes Palace,
where being dismissed, was betwixt the said two
Cardinals (with the other righteene, and with the Dut-
ches and Ladies of the Court, and others) conducted be-
tweene the gate of his Holiness, the which with his rone
went to the kitchen, as also with the Lady her mother; and his
Alcega which done, she was separate from his Holin-
ness, on the right side, and the Lady her mother and his
Alcega some what lower on the left side: from thence (after
some talk) every one retired himselfe for that night to
his rest.

The next day being Saturday, the first of the said
moneth, her Gracety with her mother and his Alcega
hears (about eleven of the clocke) the Masse read by his
Holiness, after the which they dined with him, and all
that day nothing else was done, but the preparations for
the marriages for the next day evny at night, there was
offered to be made in the Dukes chamber.

On Sunday the xxij day, betweene eight and nine of the
clocke in the morning, the Duke (richely attired in
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clothes of siluer; damasked & garnished, with a number of Jewels and precious stones) was betwene the two Cardinals Aldobrandino and Farnese; conducted to the Cathedral Church, right over against the Pallace, followed by the Lady the Archduchesse her mother, and her Ladies all nuptially attyed in white. Before her went his Alceza appparelled most richly, and the Duke of Sessa appparelled in blacke, and before them, the constable of Castile, Governour of Millana; the Prince of Orange, the Dukes of Gandia and Aumale, the Earle of Berlaymoor; with all the other Princes and lordes, aswell of the court as otherwise, every one appparelled most richly: and whilst she entred the church, was sung in excellent musicks of foure voices the dittie of *Aparuit Regina*.

A while after, his Holinesse entred, mounted in the Pontificall chape, & in his hands, with the pontificall Diadem on his head of inestimable value, before him went the Cardinals on foote: pontifically appparelled. Being entred and set in another white chape of cloth of siluer over against the Altar (whilst the Cardinals received their accustomed obedience to his Holinesse, in kissing his knee,) the chappell sung some Psalmes, and his Holinesse sung some Oremus, which ended, his holiness changed his apparall and diademe: And being attyed againe and upon his head set an episcopall Mitre of fine beaten gold, began solemnely to celebrate the Masse, and after the Gospel and Offertorium, his Holinesse set himselfe in another pontificall chape, covered with cloth of golde, right over against the great altar, and before him were brought by the said Cardinals Aldobrandino and Farnese) the Queene and his Alceza, and after that his Alceza had caused to be read the procuracion which he had to marrie the Queene in the name of his Catholike Majesty, his Holinesse inserted there, publickly with his owne handes, the benediction giuen, the Psalm *Beatus vir*

vir qui timet Dominum, was sung in Musique.

This done, the Quene was brought backe againe to her Tabernacle, his Alceza remaining at the doorescete, in the which immediatlie the Duke of Sessa approached, and after the Lecture of his commission and power that he had from the illustrious Princeesse of Spaine, he was likewise by his Holinesse, with like ceremonies married in the name of the said Princeesse, to his Alceza, and the benediction given, the aforesaid Plaine was repeated. His Alceza being led backe to his Tabernacle, and the Duke of Sessa in his place, his Holinesse came to the Altar againe to finish the elevation of the Masse, after which and having communicated, he set himselfe againe in the same pontificall chaire. And after some Cardinals were communicated, he likewise communicated (with his stone hands) the married, to wit. The Quene, his Alceza, and the Duke of Sessa, together with the Archbisshoppe the Nations mother: being all communicated, his Holinesse ended the masse, after which done he satte himselfe in a chaire somewhat lower before the Altar, where having caused the Quene to kneele before him, he presented her the Rose, which presently after was given to the hands of the Earle of Denhamont (he only being among the rest there present, knight of the order) who carried the same before the Quene, untill her returne to the Pallace.

His Holinesse hauing at the end of these rites and ceremonies given his benediction to all the assistants in generall, they went out of the church with the same ceremonies and order wherewith they entred. All that day there was nothing done but masking by water and by land, & about the Citie shewing great signes of ioye. At night from six. untill xi. a clocke was dauncing, intermixed musike with foure voyces, in a great hall of the court, where were present all the nobilitie and beauntious Ladies and damfels of Ferrara: A thing most excellent and admirable to behold, being present at these feasts the Quene and his Alceza, but they daunced not.

The next day being Sunday, the xvi. of the said moneth, in the Quēnes chamber was played an excellent Comedy, for an end of the feasts of Ferrara: all the time of our abode at Ferrara both the courts and their traines were defrayed of their expences by his Holinesse. The feasts, good entertainment and vsage done, and the honours and fauours by his Holinesse shewed to the Quēne were scarce ended, when order was giuen for following on of our voyage towards Mantua, which was begun on the Wednesday the xviii. of the said moneth of November, and notwithstanding that we had great trauell and trouble to passe and repasse the one & the other side of the river Po: for the raine weather, as for the little commoditie and meanes which were found for passage of such a great number of horses and Mules, laden with the baggage of our troope, yet coming at Seelade a towne of his Holinesse, the welcome and good vsage was such, but especially at Mantua; that all our troubles & labours were forgotten, and recompensed with the good chere, & pastime, which was giuen to the whole court and traine for the space of liii. or v. dayes: insomuch that we thought no more upon our passed toyle, onely disposing our selues to be merry, and to enjoy the triumphes and honour which the said Illustrious Duke shewed vs, whereof the chiefest was at the entrance of the Quēne, which was on the xx. of November being Friday, & it was two houres after sunne set, before she arrived at the Lake which enuironeth the city, where there was to goe a shoare about an Italian mile from the city, being there expected and receiued by the said Illustrious Duke, with all the nobles of the city, and of his court and traine. Her Maestie being mounted in a Coache, with the Archduchesse her mother, they conducted her with an infinite number of lights to the citie, the entry whereof was beset with many squadrons of men of warre, as well on foote, excellently well armed, and in good order and equipage.

At the entrie of the citie gate, on the right hand, the
 Quēne

And she found (so) her welcome) a present of a faire Litter,
 after the vſage of the antient Romaines, without cover,
 garnished with cloth of ſiluer, white like ſnowe, borne by
 two white hories, harnessed accordingly, & on each horye ſat
 a little boye of about v. or vi. yeares of age, attired in like
 ſuierie, with each a garland of Bayes on their head. The
 hories were ledde by foure Gentlemen, at euery horye two,
 apparrelled of the ſame ſtuffe: in which the Queene with
 great ceremony (after ſhe had been receiued by the ſpa-
 giate of the city with an oration) was mounted & ſet vpon
 a little benche (with a cuſhin of the ſame ſtuffe) which was
 at the vpper end of the litter, ſomewhat raiſed, together with
 the Lady her mother vpon ſuch another benche ſomewhat
 lower at the lower end, vnder a Canopie of the ſame ſtuffe
 as the Litter was, with fix pillars of maſſe ſiluer, and the
 ſame Canopie was borne by fix noblemen of the countie,
 to wit: the Marquieſſe Fredrick Gonzaga, the Lord Francis-
 co Gonzaga knight of S. James: the Earle Ludonico Bagny:
 the Lord Hipolito Baldrini, the Lord Claudio Gaggio, and
 the Lord Ieronimo Kendali, all Lords of title, the meanest
 of them being worth 20000. Crowns of rent per year.
 Before which went 6. pages, all Gentlemen children, of
 the nobleſt and cheareſt of the countie, hauing each a ſoche
 of white waie in their hands, all apparrelled in the ſelfe
 ſame ſuierie of the Litter, lighting the Tapers as ſhe was
 borne in her triumphant Litter vnto the Pallace, which
 alſo was richly hung & beautified, as was might be, of the
 richeſt potentate at this time in the world: all the night
 long the citie was full of an infinite number of ſights.

The next daye following, the Lord Duke of Mantua,
 ſo that he would not ſeeme to wante diligence, beginning
 the Queene all poſſible, hee conuined her to a
 Caſtell of his, nere to the Citie, ſituated faire, and ſump-
 tuous, and ſurrounded with many ſtrong ſtories. Having
 bene a while in the Caſtell they were a hunting, where
 ſhooting killed ſome certaine number of Wolves, Stags, &

Does, they returned to the Cittie an houre after sunne set, and no sooner arrived but immediately were set to supper, & not so sooner rise, but presently after were occupied in beholding the pastimes of a Castle husband in the middle of the Palace, with artificiall fireworks, which was both assaulted on every side with pieces of ordinance: also other fireworks which were shot in the ayre, together with many mines made under ground, all which in the night gave a great light with a great noise of thunder, most pleasant and delightfull to behold, and this pastime endured untill two of the clocke in the morning.

The morrow after being Sunday, the 22. of November there was done nothing except at night: about 5. of the clocke there was upon a great round Theater (wherein every one might stand) played an excellent Comedy, which dyed from the said side of the clocke untill 3. houres after midnight, without any one hearing wearied with seeing: or hearing, so the great singularities of inexpressible artifices which were shewed in the same: which unto all seemed so admirable, so rare and so excellent, that in the judgements of them all, it should seeme impossible, (so long as the world shal stand) to represent a Comedy more excellent and pleasant, where (over and above the said artifices and admirable varieties,) there was betwene every enterlude, heard most rare musike of many partes, with divers instruments, accompanied with angelical & delicate voyces, in such that it seemed rather a divine, then humane thing, or at least wise, that the voyces of heaven had intermixed themselves with the entire perfection of that of men, and the spirits of this age. Being in fine a thing so rare, that it is impossible to set the same in writing, except the author thereof, or the inventor of the artifices should doe it himselfe: As the said comedy, besides the castles of artificiall fireworks, and besides the triumphall arches which were in good number excellent well made, and over and above the present of the litter, did cost above 25000. crownes of gold,

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as I have been credibly informed by a principal Officer of the said Duke of Mantua, who held of the least time spent in the despoiling of our troopes above 50000. crownes, as well in passing through his country towards Ferrara, as in rapassing towards Mantua having shewed himselfe the most liberallest of all the other Princes.

These leasles ended the Duques with all his Court and retinue took their course towards Bozzolo, a small town of the Duchy of Milan, Gonzaga, his man to the said Duke of Mantua, who was a strong and brave knight, the which at the Duques arrival being on a Friday at night the 24. of the said month, saluteth her with many partes of Ordinance, from this Colone: the one end of her court was begun to be destroyed by his catholike Majesty throughout all the townes and villages of his said Majesty to Milan, & at this point we were detoured of our expenses.

We began in after being the 27. of the said month, we tooke our way towards Cremona, whether arriving the 27. in the evening the Duque was met by all the nobility of the City: and after an Oracion spoken at the gate by a Gentleman of Milan, she was mounted upon a white Palfrey harnessed in mourning livery: on her left side went the Cardinal Aldobrandino, Legat and Seyheiv to his Holinesse, and behinde her the 2. day the Archduche her Mother, also mounted on a white Palfrey, harnessed in the same manner, accompanied with his Alceza, the illustrious Archduke Albertus: and thus mounted, was her majesty conducted under a Canopy of cloth of silver, embroidered and fringed with gold, borne by six persons with long staves, into the cathedrall church, passing under divers triumphall arches, excellent well made & beautified with divers significations, there getting on the one and the other side of her Majesty 40. Gentlemen, all merchants of the city, apparelled in white damaske embroidered with little flowers and leaves of gold, and likewise they wore their Capes, cloakes of blacke velvet, wrought and embroidered

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The Queene sojournd but one night in the city of Cremona: the next day after taking her way to Pitergenon, a strong hold of his Catholike maiesty, she waited upon the river of Adige, upon the which being very broad, the inhabitants had made a great long and broad bridge of boates and boards, anchored in the river, which they had pierced to that effect, to passe all the people and baggage at one time. The Queene at her entrance and going out, was saluted onely with shot of Cannons. The next day following being the xviiiij. we went on our journey towards Vic, the entrance whereof (which was on the rty. of the saide moneth, although not altogether so sumptuous and pompous as the precedents) was neuertheless most magnificent, as well for the triumphal arches set up at the gates and in the streets of the City, as for the receipt and honour doone to her person by the people of the same, all which receiued and greeted her without the gate on both sides apparelled with long goldenes of blake colour, mixed with precious blacke feathers, to the number of 40. persons going before: behind them marched the others in long goldenes or blacke damasks, completing the two high waikes and second waikes with all manner of men going in good order with every waikes frame in their handes, to wch was

redde Games: before them went *iiii.* Bedels, clothed in yellow cloath, laced with Red and White, the one of them bearing a great silver dish, and in the same six gilded keyes, interlaced with a string of gold & silver, and red silke: and after that the one of them had made a short oration in Latine, they presented the said keyes to the Queene, who having kindly accepted them, was in a Coach conducted into the cittie, and first into the Cathedrall Church, from whence, (after the Te Deum, in musick,) she was led to the Pallace, without any other ceremonie worthy the noting, staying there about one night.

The morning following, we continued our voyage towards Marignan, a strong Castell belonging to the Marques of Marignan, and from thence to Milan, where she entered on S. Andrews day, between *xi.* & *iii.* a clock after dinner.

The entrance of Milan (although superfluous and of great cost) was not such as the great report went of it, as not having the enterertainment, nor the feasts, to all ingenerall, as in the other Citties, and especially in Mantua, which with great reason, according to every ones judgement, is to beare the Bell away from them all, as having truly made a peece of matters in wonderfull excellencie, as well by the Comedy, as by other things.

The most notablest thing that was in Milan, was a triumphant gate at the entrie of the Cittie, builded new of free stone, which shall remaine there for a perpetuall memory of her entrance: the other triumphant Arches about the Cittie were ordinarie, made of wood, painted with diuers figures and deuises, whereof the best and fairest was at the entrance of the Cathedrall Church, which the fryars of the sayd Church for her Spacious welcome had set up.

The Queene entred vpon a Walkrey, vnder a sumptuous Canopie of cloath of silver, with golde fringes: at her left side went the Cardinall Ambrosio, by whose following the Lady her mother knew his Alceza on horsebacke: before her

her went the constable of Castile; and on the sides went on foote 200. Gentlemen, Parchants of the Citty, apparelled in cloath of silver, bearing gilded spares after the German fashion, their haues garnished with cloath of silver & fringed with golde, and the nakes gilded: besides these, there went on foote 100. of the nobelst of the citty, most richly apparelled in cloath of gold, and 60. others in red & crimson velvet and silke, all wrought with golde, &c. wherof bore the Canopie.

Her Maiestie entering with this pompe, was conducted to the Cathedra church, and passing thow the place to enter into the church, ther passed betwixke two statues of brasse erected on horseback, the one wherof represented his Catholike Maiestie deceased, who in passing presented to the Quene the crowne: the other was the picture of the King now liuing, who as a king of the heaue (in passing) receiued and reacheth out his hand to his Quene and lady. From thence (the Te Deum being sung) she was conducted on foot to the Pallace, being 20. paces from the church.

So it companies of horsemen, which went in the avant & peregache, richly armed and in rich equipage of different liveryes, (wherof the chiefe was Don Alonso de Lanques) which greatly beautified the entrie. About midnigh, there was from the Pallace shot off a great peece of Ordnance, to aduertise those of the Castell of their battie and demonstration of ioy: at which warning the castell began to play continually for the space of a long houre, with great peece of Ordnance, all charged with bullets, which (for it was night) made a great and horrible noise.

Since there was not any other festiuing made in Milan, except some Comedies of small importance, for the rest, I beseech the courteous reader, to content himselfe to passe away the time with reading of this: which if it bee thankfully and kindly taken, will inuoluntarily take the paines to make the discourse of the Ambascador.

At Milan, the 29. of September.

FINIS.



